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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

'Except A Corn of Wheat...'

A LIFE SKETCH AND TRIBUTE TO EILEEN EDWARDS, MISSIONARY TO INDIA

"Pastor, how soon can I go to India as a missionary?"

I looked down from the pulpit into the face of a young girl who had been attending our services for some time. There flashed through my mind a picture of a Salvation Army Camp-fire girl in her uniform, first aid kit over her shoulder, running down the aisle of a tent meeting. She carried a glass of water to administer first aid to a woman, who had been the leader of her Camp-fire group, and was now prostrated at the altar under God's power. She thought it was dreadful that no one seemed to care, or did anything about it, and it took quite a little talking to reassure this young girl that her leader was all right — she was just lost in the presence of God. This was her introduction to Pentecost.

She began to come to our services, often wearing her Salvation Army bonnet. She was always in earnest, though laughing and full of fun, and in a few months, she, too, was filled with the Spirit.

Now, as I looked down into the face of this teen-ager, I was deeply impressed as she continued to tell me that when she was twelve years old, God had spoken to her, and called her to be a missionary in India, while attending a service in an Anglican Church in the city. At the close of that service, she went forward and told the Vicar of this call. He laid hands upon her and consecrated her. This was Eileen Edwards, the place—Toronto, Canada. Eileen—called of God and destined this time to carry the Gospel to India, the "land of palms and dear brown faces"—as she loved to call it. Following our advice, she went through Bible School, working her way through. She had two or three years of "boot-camp training" as she pioneered in the cold, wintry parts of Northern Ontario. At twenty-four she was ready to leave for India.

Eileen had been brought up in a Christian home. There were four girls, three of whom became ministers. Their Mother, still living—a Godly woman. Their Father, a stalwart soldier of the British army—serving in England. They were brought up to endure hardships. Mother's Godly training guided them aright. The girls were a happy lot together, and while it was hard to leave them, Eileen's heart was full of joy and laughter, with the knowledge that at last she was fulfilling the call God had given her. Eileen has told many times how she felt the terrible power of darkness when first her feet touched India's soil — the terrible oppression of Satan to which many others have also testified who have entered India.

While Eileen had been given a will to stand in hard places, God also had given her a loving, tender heart, that felt to the very core, the sickness, the sorrow and now the poverty and need that surrounded her in India. From her heart of love she poured forth kindness and understanding, the love of Christ, on the nationals. She gave herself unstintingly, sometimes resulting in being so ill she would have to return to the homeland before her term of service was complete.

Her first work was among children, visiting in the native villages, going into the little huts with all their squalor and filth. Her later years were spent in teaching, both in the Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore, where she served as Dean of Education, and also in the Bible School at Hardoi in the United Province. As a result, she contributed much to the preparing of national workers, upon which the future of the Gospel in India depends.

This last term she had remained the full five years and prepared to leave on her furlough, having just recovered from a very critical illness with double pneumonia during July and August. We quote from one of her recent letters telling of the farewell given at the Hardoi Bible School, written September 2: "Farewells all past — oh, what weeping and wailing! It was a revelation to know how much the students cared. The teachers expressed their deep appreciation. I wept in my sense of unworthiness. The whole school came to wave goodbye, and to garland me to the top of my head . . . and more tears. Why is it always so hard for me to leave these dear people?"

For the sake of some who may not know of the tragedy which befell

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C. A. Convention Report

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THE 37TH ANNUAL Christ's Ambassadors Convention convened at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22, in the new Bethel Church, San Jose, California. Never before occupied, the 1300-seat auditorium provided an impressive setting for the 3-day youth convention. The spacious facilities were adequate for all activities, with the exception of the Friday evening service, when nearly 1800 people jammed the building.

The opening night's crown of 1100 young people were officially welcomed by D-CAP Steve Asmuth, program chairman, L. R. Keyes, pastor of Bethel Church, and Robert Welch, mayor of San Jose. The convention theme, "The Time Is Now", was emphatically proclaimed by the 3-night speaker, Wayne Adams, of Vancouver, Wash. Each dynamic message was directed to and well-received by the youth present.

Friday's Teen-Age Talent Search semi-finals were conducted by Eddie Kramer, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer. And on Friday the district Teen-C.A. Quiz champs were decided, Elmer Bueno, District C. A. Vice-President, being the quizmaster. Winning over the other sectional winners that had entered into the finals was the sharp team of teens from Central Assembly, Richmond. These youths were presented a trophy, and they will be eligible to enter the Southwestern United States regional contests in the spring.

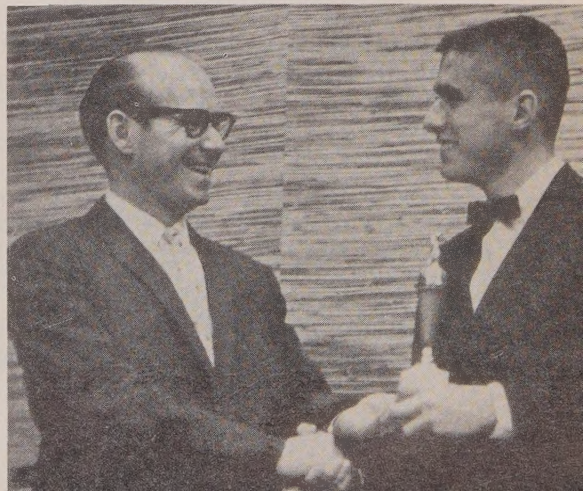
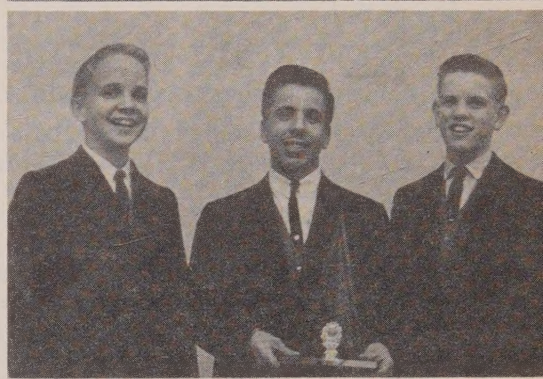
The Talent Search finals were held Saturday morning, with the following youths receiving trophies that night: vocal solo, Gary John, Sunnyvale, First Assembly; vocal group, Jubilets trio, Modesto, Central Assembly; instrumental solo, Martha Kercheval, Sacramento, Bethel Temple; instrumental group, saxophone trio, Redwood City, First Assembly.

A new feature of this year's convention which attracted much interest was the "Timely Topics Time"—forums geared to youth. Three one-hour forums on Friday and four on Saturday featured panelists who are highly respected in their fields.

A special convention choir from Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, highlighted the Friday evening service. President Steve Asmuth introduced to the convention audience for the first time the simultaneous Speed-the-Light victory rallies of Dec. 29, 1962, and the "Operation Saturation" teen-age tract-distribution campaign of Jan. 6-13, 1963. He also announced two district C. A. sponsored scholarships to B.B.C. for winners of the Mr.-Miss C. A. contest.

Four choirs joined to make an impressive "Choir-ama" during the Saturday evening service. The choirs of Sunnyvale, First (teen); Hayward, Bethel; San Jose, Calvary; and San Jose, Bethel and orchestra of Redwood City, First, presented a spectacular rendition of the selection, "The Time Is Now", arranged and directed by Noel Wilson.

Other highlights of the convention were the Pastor's Luncheon, the Convention Banquet, honoring former D-CAP's the College-Age and C.A. Officers breakfasts, the annual C. A. business meeting, and a convention-sponsored baby-sitting service for children.



MARTHA KERCHEVAL, SACRAMENTO
SAXOPHONE TRIO, REDWOOD CITY. L-R, Warren James, Mark McIntyre, Allen Johansen.
THE JUBILETTES, Modesto, Central.
D-CAP VP, ED KRAMER, presents trophy to Gary John, Sunnyvale.
30-VOICE MASS CHOIR.

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PENTECOST- Fifty Years Of Blessing

By THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN

General Superintendent of
The Assemblies of God

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance." 2 Peter 3:1

FIFTY YEARS AGO THIS YEAR, in 1913, the Pentecostal revival which had begun around the turn of the century was in full swing. Hundreds of individuals throughout the United States had been blessed by the revival at the old Azusa Street Mission, and many had gone out to take the message to the ends of the world.

The following year, in April, 1914, a strong band of approximately 300 persons met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and formed what has grown into a world-wide witness through the Assemblies of God. In short, we are approaching our 50th anniversary. This 49th year of our Fellowship is a good time to "stir-up our minds," relative to the blessing of the Lord and to consider seriously the importance of the Pentecostal message in this day.

The founding fathers of our movement laid a foundation strong and sure. There are tracks going back many years — even before the charter session. But we must not glory alone in the past lest we forget today, and the work that is yet to be done. With this in mind, the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God recently called for a season of prayer throughout the fellowship during the week of January 6-13. We need in this day and time, as never before, a special endowment of God's power.

It has been signally interesting that many of the old-line denominations have begun to experience a Pentecostal move during the past two or three years. This has been in marked contrast to the attitude of many of these same churches 49 years ago. This move might be viewed in several ways. First, it should encourage us to surge forward as we see a fulfillment of the prophecy to pour out of "His spirit on all flesh." Second, we *should* stir-up our pure minds lest having received the blessing, we become self-satisfied and even complacent.

Many of the denominations that are now enjoying a refreshing once slumped into the valley of self-sufficiency and turned their backs on a moving of the Holy Spirit. These churches had burned in revival fires, but moved over to formalism, went through institutional and educational stages, and became denominations in the most formal sense.

We must resist the temptation to settle down in complacency. Our churches need to grasp the importance of the Sunday evening evangelistic service, the weekly prayer service, and of prayer and Bible reading. It has been sad to note in recent years that some have turned away from the richness of the Pentecostal experience to join cold and formal groups who themselves want the moving of the Holy Spirit.

One of the things that caused our movement to grow during its early days was a sense of urgency to reach the generation in which we lived. It will take this same sense to keep what we have. World conditions are shaping up for the soon return of Christ. A few years ago, in 1948, the establishment of the State of Israel signaled the fulfillment of an important Bible prophecy. Many of us had preached about this for years, but when it came, we were so accustomed to having heard about, and having preached about it, that the import-

ance of the event did not register. Currently, the formation of the Common Market of Europe is shaping up toward fulfillment of another Bible prophecy. The move of the church in Rome in the recent Ecumenical Council, and many other signs point to the soon return of Christ. These things demand a renewed fire on our lives and a strengthened thrust forward if we are to do the job to which we have been called.

Nothing short of a full mobilization, under God, an overflowing endowment of Holy Ghost power, and the guidance of the Spirit of God is needed. During our 48, and going on 49, years of existence, good organization has been built and efficient programs designed. But these alone, as good as they may be, will not do the job. Christ did not call organizations, or programs, nor did he request the disciples to pray that better and more efficient operational procedures might be thrust into the harvest fields, but that laborers might be sent forth. We need laborers as never before.

As one studies the history of the Assemblies of God and the patterns of growth, it is interesting to note that immediately following the years of growth in ministers, we have shown greater growth in churches, in ministers, and most important, souls won to Christ. We still need more God-called anointed workers throughout the United States and in many countries of the world.

There are some definite things which can be done by all of us to achieve the end to which we have been called.

First, we can all pray through again to a renewed Pentecost. God wants to give us more power and proper guidance for the day in which we live.

Second, we need a new realization of the value of a soul and the terrible-ness of one being lost.

Third, we need to equip ourselves through prayer, reading of God's Word, and through active participation in the many good programs of our churches to save lost souls.

Fourth, we need to realize again the truth of the imminent return of Christ and face up to the mammoth task that is yet to be done.

These are the things each of us can do as we work for God in the 49th year of our establishment.

MINUTEMAN NOTE

At District Council the Minuteman program was launched. A goal of \$50,000 was set for 1962. Pledges were made for \$18,000 at the rally in Sacramento. These pledges were made by individuals and by pastors for their churches. Many of these pledges have not yet come in. As a result, the total giving for Minuteman is only one fifth of that which we have set as a goal. Please get your pledges to the District office as soon as possible.

Based on the membership of our District \$3.35 each would bring us to our goal. Some pastors have presented this to their churches and have had fine response. Many pastors have not mentioned Minuteman to their churches.

The current project of Minuteman is Cambrian Park, San Jose. Property has been secured; a fine congregation is being built. They have made a chapel by enlarging a garage, but have reached capacity. Plans are to build a sanctuary as soon as money is available.

Recently I have been looking into a new area that is advertised as Northern California's largest subdivision. This has great potential. It will take at least \$50,000 for us to locate in this area.

We need your cooperation to meet the challenge for Church Extension. In all the many calls for money do not forget that the Minuteman program has been adopted by the District Council to have MAJOR emphasis for the next three years.

First Assembly, San Francisco

For the last year First Assembly here has experienced a continuous revival with the moving of the Holy Ghost, and salvation of the lost.

Since the first of the year, 40 or more have been saved and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. Sunday School has increased 25 per Sunday over the previous year's record. In a recent service 10 were baptized in water and 16 members were received.

All phases of missionary work have grown, including offerings, missionary work at home, WMCs, and Missionettes.

The children were among the first

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SHARE IN THE MINUTEMAN PROGRAM

	APPROX. MEMBERSHIP	SECTIONS SHARE	PLEDGED	CASH PAID FEB.-JULY
Butte	577	\$2,000	\$ 210	\$ 335.00
Capitol	1,996	6,800	4,861	1,874.70
Central San Joaquin	1,575	5,200	580	617.35
Coast Counties	1,054	3,600	2,500	2,868.69
Contra Costa	409	1,400	445	154.90
East Bay	1,499	5,100	2,002	1,527.00
Lake Berryessa	496	1,700	515	155.00
Lake - Mendocino	299	1,000	235	76.00
Lassen - Plumas	187	700	100	20.00
North Bay	401	1,400	412	195.50
Northern Nevada	125	400	00	5.00
North San Joaquin	976	3,400	236	77.00
Peninsula	2,655	9,000	3,737	2,404.60
Redwood	592	2,000	542	170.75
Sacramento Valley	621	2,100	110	50.00
Shasta	204	700	100	.00
Sierra Nevada	258	900	574	122.83
South San Joaquin	780	2,700	337	57.00
Miscellaneous				333.59
TOTAL				\$11,044.91

Pray for Your Children...

HAVE YOU "PRAYED THROUGH" FOR YOUR CHILDREN? Charles G. Finney wrote: "I know a father in the West who was a good man, but he had erroneous views respecting the prayer of faith; and his whole family were grown up and not one of them converted. At length his son sickened and seemed about to die. The father prayed, but the son grew worse and seemed sinking into the grave without hope.

"The father prayed until his anguish was unutterable. He poured out his soul as if he would not be denied, until at length he got an assurance that his son would not only live but be converted; and not only the one, but his whole family would be converted to God.

"He came into the house and told his family his son would not die. They were astonished. 'I tell you,' he said, 'he won't die. And no child of mine will ever die in his sins.' That man's children were all converted years ago."

(Herald of His Coming)

DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

Churches Giving Largest Offerings during October, 1962:

Lakeport, Full Gospel Assy. \$105.00
 Lodi, First Assembly 92.60
 Crescent City, Assy. of God 75.00
 Modesto, Airport Assembly 60.00
 Modesto, Central Assembly 55.00
 Merced, First Assembly 50.00
 New donors in October

Greenville, Assembly of God;
 Gabb's, Assembly of God; Eureka,
 Henderson Center Assembly.

Total Church and personal offering given from Northern Calif. & Nev. District during October \$2,053.56.

Let every Assembly in our District include in their planning and budget an offering to this Gospel outreach in 1963. Send offering to REVIVALTIME, P. O. Box 72, Springfield, Missouri, stating church and address so proper credit can be given, God bless you.

Enriching Aspects of Prayer . . .

By Rev. Robert Cummings



IT IS HARD for some of us who have received the glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit to believe that Romans 8:26-27 applies to us. This passage tells us that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," and that accordingly God has made special arrangements for divine help for us who pray.

My personal experience was that after I began to really seek God for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit such a change came into my prayer life, and prayer became so real and wonderful to me that I somehow took it for granted that I had discovered the secret of "praying as I ought," and I felt no special need of instruction and help in the matter of prayer. Further, the patterns of prayer which I saw and heard among my friends and associates confirmed my impression that when the new and wonderful change was brought about in my prayer life by the coming of the Spirit of God, I had received the instruction and help in my prayer life that was referred to in Romans 8:26. Here we are told that the Spirit helps us in our infirmity. Well, He certainly helped my infirmity and He evidently helped my friends in their infirmity for I saw their prayer lives change also when the Spirit came.

But a few years ago God marvelously and clearly showed me that if I would allow the Spirit to teach me further, He would show me new and very enriching phases of prayer that I was missing. This is how my wonderful Divine Teacher, the Holy Spirit, created a vital interest in me to discover new aspects of praying, as taught in the New Testament. Of course I mean "new" to me.

One of the most rewarding phases of the prayer life of the New Testament saints I would call, "*Prayer - the way of getting acquainted with our Father.*" We know that Jesus never played with words. When He said to His disciples in their first lesson on prayer, as recorded in Luke 11:2, "When YOU pray say Father," He meant, "Call God 'Father' in Spir-

it and reality." This is in contrast to the kind of prayer that John the Baptist taught his disciples. They never addressed God as Father for they were Jews under the Old Covenant.

The Bible tells us that our Father is love. One of the characteristics of love is a strong desire for real fellowship with the one we love. God our Father loves us with a very great love—indeed so great that He spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all. He did not spare His Son Gethsemane's agony, Gabbatha's injustice and mockery, Calvary's humiliating death, or the darkness of the grave. And all because of "the great love with which He loved us." Some of us are inexpressibly the poorer because we are not becoming intimately acquainted with our Father and therefore His wonderful love is not having the chance to enrich our minds and lives. But thank God, His will is revealed to us in Ephesians 1:17 in this prayer, "that our God, the Father of Glory would give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the intimate knowledge of Himself." If we will make the place of prayer the place of giving our Father time to acquaint ourselves with Him we shall say with over-flowing hearts, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and it is indescribably wonderful." Let us not forget that John 3:16 describes the love of the FATHER, not the love of Jesus.

Another important phase of prayer is, "*Prayer - the place of Vision.*" God said to Paul through Ananias, "God has chosen you that you should see that Righteous One. Then you will be a witness to all men of what

you have seen." Acts 22:14, 15. Why do we not tell our young people that part of their Pentecostal heritage is "Your young people shall see visions"? Is God mocking us when He declares, "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty"? Or is He playing with words when He tells us who are messengers of Good Tidings, that we are to say to men and women, "Behold Your God!"? and "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"? Or "They shall look on Him Whom they have pierced"? This is the kind of visions that God wants us to have - visions that will reveal the glory of our God and the glory of the Cross. Not that we shall actually see these things with the natural eye but with the eyes of our hearts, the eyes of faith even more clearly than with the physical eyes. God has given me a vision of Gethsemane so indelibly inscribed upon my inner being that it remains the most vivid scene I have ever witnessed. Yet I saw nothing with the natural eye. God has so enriched my mind and heart by communicating spiritual realities to me through the Spirit's eyes, that anything that I might see through the natural eyes could never have made such a deep impression. Yes, *God wants His children to see.*

Thank God for the Holy Spirit who came to us to help our infirmities in the realm of prayer. Many of us thought of prayer as a wonderful place where we are able to pour out our hearts to God; it is that, but many have found it far more wonderful since God by the Holy Spirit has broken through into our consciousness with the realization that God also wants to communicate many things to us, and that if we will make prayer a place of expecting to see the things that are invisible, and hearing the still small voice, the place of our Father's communicating to us the things that His Father heart so greatly desires to give His children, then our Father will more than meet our expectations, exceeding abundantly above all that we may ask or think. My heart overflows with gratitude to my Divine Teacher who came to teach us everything as Jesus promised in John 14:26.

Can't you hear the Lord Jesus saying to us, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of reality is come He will guide you into all reality." John 16:12, 13.

A Sunday School That Is BURSTING!!

Sunday School attendance has grown so much at the First Assembly of God Church in Oroville that the parsonage soon may be pressed into service, according to Charles R. Shuss, pastor.

Class attendance has reached the 200 mark for those under 18 years of age.

The church has built a row of Sunday School classrooms down one side of the main building. There are two floors of classrooms across the back, and now the whole basement floor of the parsonage also has been converted to classrooms.

The classrooms are filled beyond capacity each Sunday, according to Stanley Huston, 22, Sunday School superintendent. For two years in a row Huston has been elected superintendent by a standing vote at the annual church meeting.

Stan's parents are members of the church. He went to Sunday school there when he was six years old. Mrs. Ethel Kent, his first Sunday School teacher, is still there, guiding a class of four and five-year olds.

Current growth of the Sunday School has been sparked by Stan's belief in clean living for young people. He established this belief as a member of Oroville High School's Sierra Football League championship basketball team in 1957. He has built up teenage membership to 30.

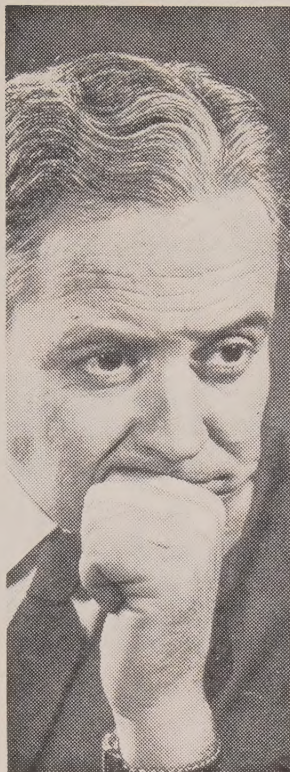
He has put just about every able-bodied person in the church to work. Out of the congregation he has eight bus drivers, two piano players, two organists, 40 teachers, three department directors, two secretaries and his assistant.

Each Sunday their two buses head out to gather up children. They bring in 30 to 50 children in each bus. Every Sunday there are new faces.

All the Sunday School children work in building the membership. They bring in their friends and the cycle starts. Calls are made on the families of the casual students that drop in.

"We want to give every child something that will stick with him and bring him to the Lord, assure him of salvation," Huston said. They use teamwork — and buses!

This driving faith of staff and congregation has built a humming Sunday School that is overflowing its facilities. The growth of this Sunday School shows that it works.



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The student-body president of the large Roseville High School is the featured C. A. of this month. He is Bob Pirtle, Jr., senior student, and son of Rev. Robert Pirtle, pastor of Roseville's First Assembly of God.

This young C.A. likes to be in the middle of worthwhile activities, and has been a class officer several times in his school career. He received the American Legion Award for being the outstanding student in his grammar school graduating class.

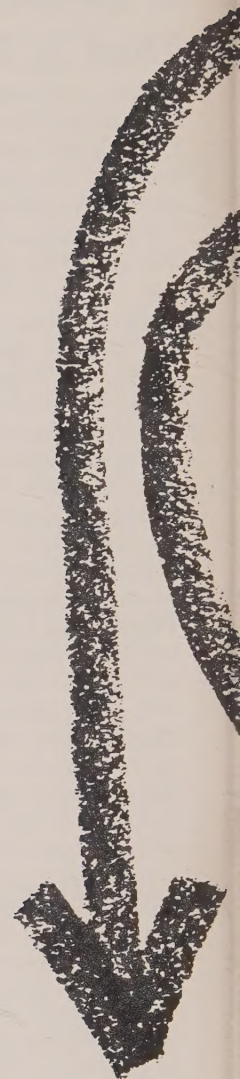
Bob has been a Christian most of his life. Prayer and a spiritual outlook have been his perspective in life since his earliest memories. He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at an Oregon Boys and Girls Camp when he was eight years of age. He expresses sincere thankfulness for a Christian home environment and training.

Bob feels that his influence for Christ has been stronger as a school leader than it would have been had he shunned student-body activities. He says that a young person does not have to compromise his testimony, but can actually influence many activities and many individuals for Christ, by standing at the front in the affairs of his school.

Bob is a varsity guard on Roseville High's basketball team, and belongs to the Orange R, the athletic society of the school. He is an officer in the Centurions, a car club sponsored by his church, as well as being active in the many activities of his C.A. group.

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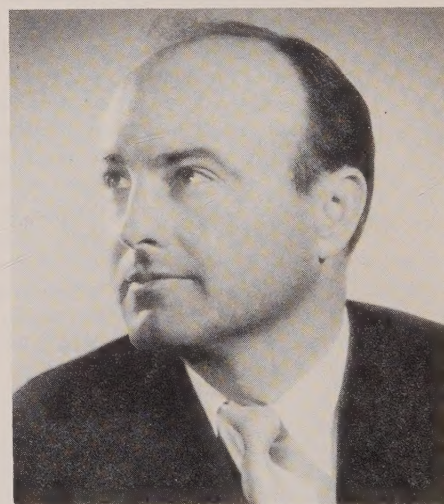
Evangelist Cole To Tour Brazil

Evangelist E. L. Cole is looking forward to an Evangelism Tour in Brazil during the months of June, July, and August 1963. He is going at the invitation of Reverend Bernard Johnson, field superintendent and has received missionary credit approval from the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri.

Rev. Cole's ministry is well known in this District and throughout the churches of the General Council as he has been much in demand as a speaker for camp meetings, rallies seminars, and other extended evangelistic services.

He formerly pastored our District Assemblies in Sonora and San Bruno and served as a District Presbyter and member of the Home Missions Committee.

Reverend Cole earnestly requests your prayers for his ministry in Brazil.



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Words to Remember!

The main work of the Christian layman is not that of a church usher or chairman of an official board, but rather to take the faith of the church into the working world.

—Edwin T. Dahlberg

Leisure is an empty cup. It all depends on what we put into it.

—Raphael Demos

It seems to us that heads, hearts and hands would settle the world's differences much better than arms.

—Word and Way

I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his works. —Theodore Roosevelt



Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Derickson (above) pulled their 10-wheel truck into Miami after driving 11 hours daily for seven days from Escalon, California. Miss Kathleen Belknap (below), acting director of the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami, writes — "The Dericksons were a real blessing! They sang and spoke several times. The Refugees send thanks to all who had done so much for them. About 300 came for clothes the first morning we opened the Center . . . the next time even more attended. Brother Gabriel Caride preached several times and twenty came forward for salvation. The clothing and bedding went fast! Be sure that the Refugees are grateful." Picture at right is the crowd attending service and later given bedding and clothing. For more information on this great need read the December issue of Readers Digest, page 68.

TAKE MY BEST

On February 24, 1963, WMC's and Missionettes of our Assemblies of God across the nation will participate in National WMC Day services. Theme of the day is "TAKE MY BEST." The program is built around the idea expressed in David's declaration in II Samuel 24:24: "Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

Pastors have received advance information concerning the program and purpose of the day. By January 15, local WMC presidents should have their free program booklet along with a supply of coin cards and information on visual aid and other supplies available. (If your WMC president fails to receive hers by that date, have her send her request at once to the National WMC Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri.)

The National WMC Day offering is the only offering local churches are requested to give to the support of the National WMC Department and its services. Each year thus far, the offerings have been sufficient to cover the national office operation. Each year too, an increasing number of good reports of spiritual blessing come to the national office as a result of the program.

Plan now to observe WMC Day in your church on February 24.



WMC Heartline

You are invited to dinner, if you are a pastor, C.A. officer, C.A. counselor, W.M.C. officer, Missionette sponsor. Check the date for your section, and consult your pastor or sectional C.A. or W.M.C. representative for additional information. And be sure to attend!

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Jan. 8	Butte
Jan. 10	North San Joaquin
Jan. 11	Contra Costa
Jan. 14	Peninsula
Jan. 17	Lake-Mendocino
Jan. 18	Redwood
Jan. 21	Capital
Jan. 22	South San Joaquin
Jan. 23	Central San Joaquin
Jan. 24	Sacramento Valley
Jan. 25	Shasta
Jan. 28	East Bay
Jan. 29	North Bay
Jan. 30	Lassen-Plumas
Jan. 31	Northern Nevada
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Not shown: Norman Hahn, president Men's Fellowship; A. Wendell St. Clair, coordinator, Glad Tidings magazine.

FOUR THRILLING PHASES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE . . .

Galatians 2:20

By Norman Arnesen

With these immortal words of Paul before us, I want to examine with you four important phases of the Christian life. They will include: transformation, transfusion, transmission, and translation. In these days of foggy and careless thinking on the nature of Christianity, it is vital that we clearly see this fourfold view of "the life with meaning".

First, the Christian life begins with a shattering TRANSFORMATION, resulting in new life from God. We call this initial act "conversion" or the "new birth." (II Cor. 5:17) God supernaturally recreates an individual and gives him an abundant life that is absolutely distinct and different from anything he has known before. For Christianity is not a creed or a code of behavior. It isn't a philosophy, a system of ethics, or even a religion. In its primary sense, Christianity is TRANSFORMING NEW LIFE! It is the life of God, revealed by Christ, and imparted by the Holy Spirit. And God has promised to implant this new life within any person who admits that he is less perfect than God and therefore a sinner, and who then looks by faith to Jesus Christ for complete salvation.

Now many would stop right here. But vivid and thrilling as the new birth is, we cannot stop here, for this initial experience is not the goal. Instead, it is the starting point to an exciting new adventure.

The Christian life continues with a glorious TRANSFUSION, which results in deeper fellowship with God. All of us by nature are self-centered, but we are meant to become Christ-centered. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will discover that He daily transfuses the very life and beauty of Jesus into the believer. The result is a deeper, reciprocal companionship with the Lord. The Apostle Paul wanted to know Jesus increasingly; not merely the Christ of the creeds or the Jesus of history



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but HIM. It was Paul's controlling desire to have an ever-deepening relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Is this our desire too?

The Christian life is next expressed in the word TRANSMISSION, resulting in a life of service and testimony for Jesus. Actually, the greatest act of service we can render the Lord is not what we do FOR Him, but what we allow Him to do THROUGH us. Serving the Lord is essentially communicating and transmitting Christ to those around us. Are our lives vibrant testimonies for Jesus? Do others want what we have? Our Lord calls us to be consecrated vessels through whom He can minister. The need of the hour is for multitudes of believers to become walking advertisements and beaming transmitters for the Lord Jesus.

Now glance with me only momentarily at the final phase. One day our Christian life will be consummated in a rapturous TRANSLATION. Our vile bodies will be glorified, and we shall be like Jesus. (I John 3:2) Are you longing for that day? May we be able to say with David of old, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with Thy likeness."

by: Norman Arnesen



"GRANDFATHER" JOSEPH L. GERHART BEAMS PROUDLY UPON HIS FIRST GRANDCHILD, LITTLE MILEA GERHART, 10-DAY OLD DAUGHTER OF ROD AND MILLIE GERHART OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

CONGRATULATIONS to Supt. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhart upon the arrival of their first grandchild on November 30. The young lady, Milea Gerhart, makes her home with Rod and Millie Gerhart in Santa Monica.

Rev. and Mrs. Warren Grant have added another daughter to their family. Candyce Jill arrived on November 26.

Children who do not learn self-control in the home may be out of control the rest of their lives.

Ray F. Koonce.

We should stop being content to live on the surface of life and launch out into the deep with Him and really prove His power in our lives.

—Gladys Z. Brist

KNOW YOUR PRESBYTERS

This Month Meet . . .

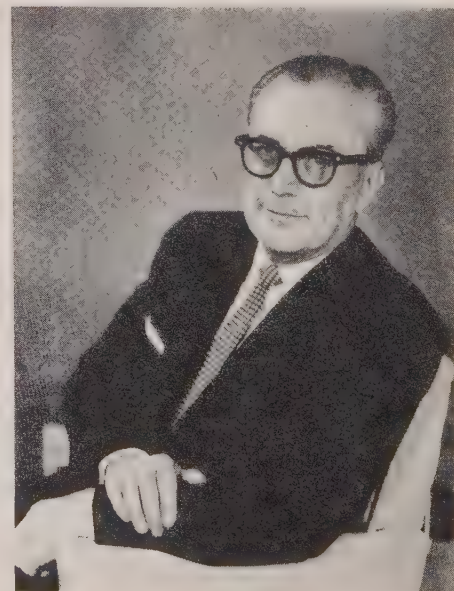
PAUL E. RADLEY

EAST BAY SECTION

"Let her alone . . . she hath done what she could." Appreciating the service of others: It is so easy to fall into the snare of a critical spirit when in the House of Worship. We sometimes forget the great purpose in coming to worship—it is that we may come into His presence and receive spiritual inspiration for better Christian living. Nothing can rob us faster and more completely of the blessings God intends us to receive, than this failure to appreciate the service in progress.

Most everyone enjoys perfection in the activities of those who participate in public and certainly anything done for God should not only be our best at the time but we should always be seeking to improve our service to Him. However, we must not let this search for the better become an excuse for the spirit of criticism of the efforts of others.

God has so many choice vessels which He uses in an infinite variety of ways. Many great contributions to the service of worship are made by those of lesser talents. There is no defense of mediocrity but a great appreciation for all those who by great or little talent seek to glorify God. These folk not only receive a blessing for themselves but impart a spiritual richness to the lives of all who have learned to share together God's grace.



PAUL E. RADLEY, PRESBYTER, EAST BAY SECTION, ASSEMBLY OF GOD OF FREMONT.

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Coming . . .

January 22 — Spring Semester Registration.

January 23 — Classes begin.

February 9 — Alumni Homecoming.

February 16-26 — AMBASSADOR CHOIR Tour.

February 28 — Alumni Breakfast, District Council.

March 5-8:

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Rev. Wesley Hurst, Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, will conduct these seminars to give a better understanding of the missions program to our people. Everyone is welcome. Special invitation is given for all those who have any missionary responsibility in the local church or in the District program.

There will be two services at each seminar — 2:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Some of the subjects to be discussed will be:

(1) Assemblies of God foreign missions objectives and methods.

(2) History and organization.

(3) Foreign missions giving, including general procedures undesignated funds, and special departmental outreaches.

(4) Development of a local missionary program.

A few bits of coal, treated with simple chemicals, can produce some of the loveliest colors. Cannot God perform such miracles in our souls out of the hostile things that happen to us? That is Christian faith.

—Dr. James Reed

The establishment of a family altar in a home where children are being reared is an investment in the future.

—C. B. Williams

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

... Try These!

I PROMISE. Resolutions penned by William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army.

I PROMISE that I will rise every morning sufficiently early (say twenty minutes before seven o'clock) to wash, dress and have a few minutes, not less than five, in private prayer.

THAT I will as much as possible avoid all that babbling and idle talk in which I have lately so sinfully indulged.

THAT I will endeavor, in my conduct and department before the world and my fellow servants especially, to conduct myself as a humble, meek and zealous follower of the bleeding Lamb, and by serious conversation and warning endeavor to lead them to think of their immortal souls.

THAT I will read no less than four chapters in God's Word every day.

THAT I will strive to live closer to God, and seek after holiness of heart and leave providential events with God.

THAT I will read this over every day or at least twice a week.

God help me, enable me to cultivate a spirit of self-denial and to yield myself a prisoner of love to the Redeemer of the world. Amen and Amen.

(These resolutions were found in 1849, faded and worn, after William Booth's death).

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ATWOODS REPORT FROM BRAZIL



Elaine and Leroy Atwood and Mrs. Alberta Daniels stand in front of their trailer house which has just been completed. They joyfully write "We feel we actually have a home, though it is only 20 feet long. Our kitchen is large, has a small refrigerator. Mother has a little room of her own. We are able to have our accordion, tape recorder, loud speaker, typewriter and literature along. How thankful we are for this wonderful home, although we still owe some on it. We thank those who have helped with it thus far."

Early this year, in Artigas, on the

border of Brazil, around sixty believers were filled with the Holy Spirit; in Mercedes about 20 have received the Baptism. One in Nuevo Berlin received, then about 29 in Dolores, now 15 in Fray Bentos. These people had never seen anyone receive before and each one wanted to see the other receive before his turn came. Our churches in this zone have been transformed. Several have received the Baptism in Montevideo. In December efforts were made to open a new work in the Colonia area. They plan to spend most of the summer in this work.

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to begin seeking the Lord. One testified to her parents. At 4 o'clock one morning the pastor received a call to come to their home and pray for their salvation. Since then, they, and their 9 children have rarely missed a service.

One Roman Catholic lady was invited by friends to visit Sunday School. She was so convicted that she was immediately saved in a glorious manner. She thought her husband would rebuke her and not even think of attending a protestant church, but the next Sunday he also visited First Assembly. God not only saved him but delivered him from smoking. This couple has been most faithful in church attendance and work. They, being 67 years, were one of the oldest to be baptized in this church.

Rev. Carl E. Curtright
Pastor: First Assembly

A religion that is small enough for us to understand would not be large enough for our needs.

—H. Truman Maxey

Gospel Station Gets Presidential Commendation

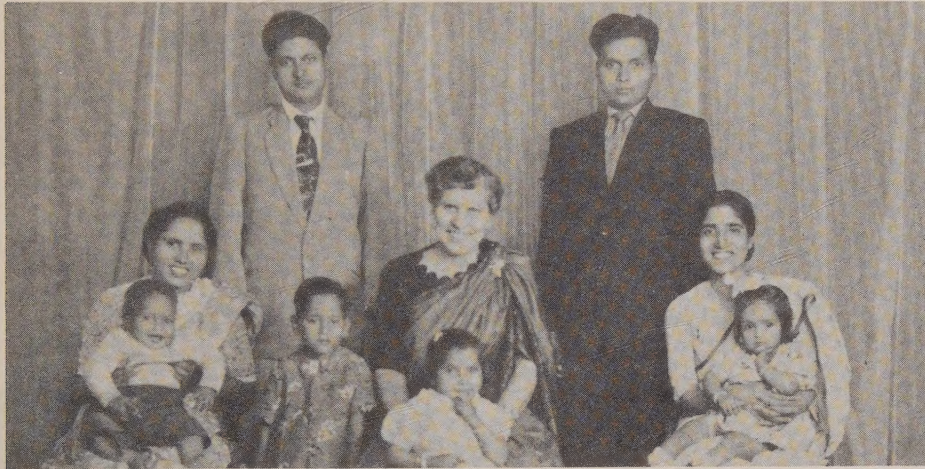
"During the Cuban crisis of October 22, KGEI, the Far East Broadcasting Company's "Voice of Friendship" station, located near San Francisco, California was requested by Washington to carry the President's message to its audience in Central and South America and especially in Cuba.

KGEI, 50,000 watt international shortwave station, has many listeners in every country of Latin America and just recently received an especially impassioned plea from Cuba (see "Broadcaster"). KGEI was glad to serve our government in this way in time of crisis. A telegram of thanks was received from the President of the United States.

We are grateful for the privilege of sending out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to these people every day. His thanks for sending HIS MESSAGE will not be a telegram, but a "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

'EXCEPT A CORN OF WHEAT' (Continued from page 2)

Eileen, we will briefly describe what happened. After the farewells, Eileen, accompanied by Miss Flo Briggs, a friend who had come out from Toronto to visit her in India, went on to Bombay to await the sailing, which had been deferred from Sept. 7th to the 14th. They were staying near the ocean. On Monday morning, Sept. 10th, they started out for a walk. They got only as far as the corner, where they had to cross the wide highway. They reached the safety island in the middle of the highway, and Miss Briggs, seeing a car about a block away, coming at a fair rate of speed, went right on over, thinking that Eileen was following her. She had hardly reached the curb, when she heard Eileen scream, looked back and saw Eileen on the ground, bleeding profusely. She had been struck by a car, following the first car. Evidently she had not seen it, and stepped directly into its path. Immediately she was taken to the hospital where four doctors, one a specialist in neuro-surgery, and several nurses attended her all day. But she fell asleep in Jesus at 8:20 that night. This news which came by cable was a shock to everyone.



MISSIONARY EILEEN EDWARDS AND HER FAMILY. THE TWO YOUNG WOMEN WERE TAKEN AS VERY TINY BABIES BY THE MISSIONARY AND RAISED AS HER OWN DAUGHTERS. THEY ARE SHOWN WITH THEIR HUSBANDS AND CHILDREN. ALL ARE FINE CHRISTIANS. SHANTI IS ON THE LEFT, SHELIA DIN IS ON THE RIGHT.

We thought of her "charmed life," as God through the years had guarded her with a cordon of angels. At times she seemed to be snatched from the very jaws of death. Once when on a high mountain side, she lost her footing on a glacier. There was nothing to stop her — not a tree, not a twig, nor a stone. As she neared the precipice where she would have dropped two hundred feet to the rocks below, she was suddenly stopped as she was repeating, "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Only God's Word held her until the Indian attendant made his way down and rescued her while the group of missionaries above prayed and cried and praised God as He brought her back to the path. Many lives had been lost at this point.

Then we recall her telling of grabbing what she thought was an empty gunny sack only to find she was holding a crite — one of India's most poisonous snakes in her hand. "They shall take up serpents and they shall not harm you."

In 1941, she returned to India from furlough, on a small freighter. As it turned into the narrow straits of Pearl Harbor, the air attack by Japan began. This little boat was surrounded by a cordon of God's angels. Bombs were falling around, ships were sinking, others were on fire. God took this boat with His precious cargo on board right through the midst of it, and it landed unharmed. The trip the rest of the way across the Pacific was through dangerous areas, and after they arrived in Calcutta, the boat on which they came was sunk in the Bay of Bengal.

This last term in India, Eileen had another deliverance from death. She was returning from a trip in the mountains of Kashmir on horseback. The horse suddenly threw her over his head to the stony path below. Her face and clothing covered with blood, she made her way on back to the hotel. They feared a brain concussion. This was not the case, but the spine was injured and she spent five or six weeks in traction in the hospital. God raised her up, and on she went with her work.

The last instance was this last July, when she came down with a terrific cold, which turned into double pneumonia. She had waited too long for human help to save her, but again God brought her through.

Little wonder that when the tragedy came, no one believed it was true that Eileen had gone to be with Lord, especially in the way it occurred.

Eileen had been committed to our care, while we were her pastors in Toronto. Her dear mother and father, knowing we had lost our little daughter, said they wanted to share one of their girls with us. She took the place of the other God had given us and was a vital part of our family. As she often said, "I am your feet in India," knowing that we had planned to go to India as missionaries, before we had gone to Toronto to open an evangelistic center.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. But if it die, it shall bring forth much fruit." Eileen's life from beginning to end was as a corn of wheat which fell into the ground and died — died to every wish of her own that might have turned her from her goal — died to her own plans — died to the heartstrings that might have pulled her back to home and her friends — to the comforts and luxuries. She was dedicated 100 percent to the call of God and His destiny for her life.

We know Eileen is safe, but what about the multitudes to whom she ministered, and those to whom she would still be ministering if she had lived on? We who have known her and loved her — is this not a challenge to all of us to take the torch and carry the light of the Gospel in her stead? Are we willing to become the "corn of wheat" that falls into the ground and dies, and brings forth much fruit? This is an hour of urgency, before Christ comes. We can GO, we can GIVE, we can PRAY!

— Willard and Christine Peirce.

In Memoriam...

Reverend C. E. Roberts, pioneer minister of this District, went to be with the Lord on November 17th at the age of 84 years. He was the father of Reverend C. G. "Gerry" Roberts of Oroville, California. At the time of his death, "Daddy" Roberts was making his home in Eureka with his daughter. Naoma E. Young.

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